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BRISBANE HEARING

A petition asking for the calling of a special election to vote on the dissolution of the Brisbane Public Utility District was on file with the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors today. It had 165 signers. The supervisors set September 4 for a hearing.—Thursday's S. F. Call-Bulletin.

FIRE BUDGET DEFEATED AT POLLS

On Monday the election was held for approval or disapproval of the budget asked by the Fire Commission. Out of over 500 registered voters, 191 votes were cast—For the budget 78; against the budget, 113.

The elections officials who had volunteered their services, that no cost be placed on the taxpayers, consisted of Mesdames Amos Kinney, P. A. Lyon and Mr. Terry.

BOY SCOUTS

On August 19th, at the corner of Visitacion and San Francisco, occurred the first fire since the promotion of Captain Schmidt to Assistant Chief. The alarm was turned in to John Grigsby, Fireman No. 11; Charles Goss, Boy Scout, and Edward McCullough, ex-Fireman, by Mrs. O. J. Williams, the three boys who were in the meeting hall at rear of the Williams residence.

The three boys grabbed wet sacks, and Mesdames Van Kirk and Clare Coffin hurried to the fire bell to give the alarm.

Valiantly the boys fought, until the arrival of the several firemen in the tract, Wm. Phillips, E. Keith and John Loheit.

At the height of the blaze, though well under control, Assistant Chief Schmidt and Captain Smith arrived from the highway, and assumed command. At this threatening grass fire, J. Grigsby received a burn on the arm and was given first aid by Charles Goss. It is said the fire was caused by burning rubbish in an inadequate container, and residents are again admonished to abide by the rules of the Fire District until the grass fire menace is over for the season.

SPORTS SLANTS

By WAYNE MOREFIELD
Olympic Club Long Distance Runner

Lou Gehrig, the iron man first baseman of the N. Y. Yankees, broke the major league record for consecutive games played—he passed the old record today—1,307th game, and still going strong. Gehrig has not missed a game the Yankees have played since he first broke into the lineup as a rookie in June, 1925.

Bill Ingram is turning Professor. The California football coach will give three Friday evening lectures on the game, in Wheeler Auditorium, U. of C., that will be free to the public. Special moving pictures will be shown to the public for the first time.

Richard Baldry, the runner-up to Barney Berlinger in the Decathlon, joins the Olympic Club track team. Baldry will compete in the pole vault and javelin. The Decathlon consists of 10 events, as follows: 100 meters run, broad jump, 16-pound shot put, high jump, 400 meters run, 110 meters hurdles, discus throw, pole vault, javelin throw, 1500 meters run.

Lupe Velez is the leading lady for Max Baer's first picture; Primo Carnera has been signed after much bargaining. We understand that in the picture that goes to Italy, Carnera is the champion and wins the girl, and for the U. S., Baer is the champion and the lucky boy.

A Brisbane athlete, Vernon Linn of Sierra Point Road, is looking forward to competing in the Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany, in 1936. He is a natural runner and taken along slowly, I think that he will make the team. The prayer of the American Amateur Athlete is to compete for Uncle Sam in the Olympic Games.

BIG ENTERTAINMENT AT CALIFORNIA

Tonight (Saturday) at California Hall, in S. F., there is a big entertainment event transpiring that is of especial interest to Brisbane folk. The benefit entertainment, proceeds to be donated to the Methodist Church, will be well worth attending, and the tickets are selling at 40 cents. Union music is featured, and Ing. Scarbo has donated a door prize which is a wow—a house and lot in Brisbane. It's a keen little cottage on the north side of the tract, complete and ready for occupancy, probably valued around \$1200. The Acme Wrecking Co., Sun advertisers, furnished the material for this place, and assure us it is good stuff.

WRITE A LETTER TO BRISBANE SUN

On the Editorial page attention is directed to important civic issues that will come before our community. If you have a limited space capacity, we would be pleased to receive expressions of sentiment or desire along these lines. Your neighbors want to know what you think about public affairs, and you would like to hear from them, that the best interests of Brisbane may be promoted along sane and progressive lines to meet the new economic conditions we are facing in the future.

Short, well considered opinions will always find space, but long expressions of factional propaganda must necessarily be blue penciled. All letters should be signed, not necessarily to print, but to show good faith.

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FRIGIDAIRE NOW WORKING TIP-TOP

Mr. Jonas of the Brisbane Drug Store, in speaking of the very satisfactory business the store is doing and the appreciation the people of Brisbane are showing for the fine display of new stock offered, wants it to be known that he is sorry for the unavoidable difficulties of the past week in the cooling system installed, and expresses his own disappointment in not being able in every instance to give the perfect fountain service on which he prides himself. But that is all remedied now by the purchase of a brand new Frigidaire system by himself to replace the inadequate machinery furnished by an ice cream company. We hadn't noticed anything wrong in this popular business center, but commend Mr. Jonas in his zeal to have everything first class.

BOY SCOUTS

By CHARLES GOSS,
Junior Assistant Scoutmaster

The Boy Scouts were overjoyed at the early response to their request for tinfoil to be deposited in the store boxes. This is a humanitarian work undertaken by the boys, as the foil goes to benefit crippled children at the Shriners Hospital. As a good start they collected over 3 pounds in 3 weeks, and as more people become acquainted with this worthy effort, they hope to greatly increase this amount.

The required number of boys for a charter has been secured, and, more, all have paid their fees, and other boys are urged to join with them.

Now watch the boys do their stuff, and show what they have learned that they didn't know before. They expect to give Brisbane some good entertainments soon, and the installation ceremonies now await only the completion of blanks and fees by the Scout committee, and will be announced in the near future.

Cubs meet Friday night, and the Boy Scouts Thursday nights, and the attendance is regular and enthusiastic.

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EDITORIAL

Neighbors, of Brisbane — Our community is growing rapidly — 131 new houses in the last two years. There is every good reason to believe this growth will continue, as this is the ideal sunshine residence suburb.

Our water system is old and weak. In size of pipes it is inadequate. We have insufficient water for fire protection even now. Two-inch mains in some of the streets won't carry enough water for domestic use, and the older pipes will not stand pumping pressure.

Who is to rebuild, or replace this system? If the present water companies can and will take care of this problem, well and good. If not, the only course to pursue, and many believe the best in any case, is for Brisbane to build, own and operate its own water system. The wholesale rates specified in the Brisbane contract with the supplying company, are extremely favorable. The actual facts in this connection will be laid before you in a future time.

This is a matter that should inspire the most earnest thought and consideration on the part of all our people. What do YOU think about it? Write us a letter. In case we have a campaign on, or negotiations pending, for improvement of our water system, who is going to represent us? Who can do our business for us?—Think this over before you unadvisedly do away with our Public Utility District.

The Public Utility Board is legally constituted to meet and properly handle just such problems as representatives of all the people. Its members are elected by you, and up to this time have served you absolutely without compensation. Do you appreciate their efforts? Will you appreciate the self-sacrificing efforts of any public official? We believe you will — when fully informed of the community's needs, and the simplest, most direct and inexpensive way to care for them. You newcomers in the tract, as well as the pioneers—let the community hear from you through our well established medium of community publicity and information—The Brisbane Sun.

DIVIDENDS APPEAR TO BE UNDULY HIGH

In the course of a wordy skirmish being carried on between some of the S. F. newspapers and the P. G. and E., the Call-Bulletin has this to say editorially, regarding a referendum petition being circulated:

"... They are NOT petitions to save California's electric power for the people. They are petitions against cheaper power for the people, against the restoration of the state's prosperity, and against the \$160,000,000 water conservation program. Their purpose is delay and possible wreckage of that development.

"Seventy thousand signatures are necessary to place that refer-

endum on the ballot. Each signature costs 10 cents. The total cost of the signatures alone is \$7000—and who, do you think, is putting up the money? Disinterested citizens? Or private interests that are afraid of cheap electric power for the people? You can answer that for yourself.

"This great project, which is exactly the type that the government wishes to include in the list of self-supporting public works it is willing to finance, calls for a great dam at Kennett, costing \$84,000,000 and large enough to store 3,000,000 acre-feet of water. The dam will spill enough water to keep the Sacramento River navigable and push the encroaching salt water back from the upper bay. It will also make possible the development of cheap power—at a cost of 2½ mills a kilowatt hour. That means cheap power for every city in northern California, cheap power for the bay region, and cheap power for the P. G. & E., which will also be able to buy it.

"But it also means that the cost of power production will become public information and the profits from its sale will be written down in an open book. Which is just why the power trust is fighting water conservation and the salvation of the people of California.

"... And for the next four years it means hundreds of payrolls, thousands of jobs for workers.

"Whoever signs one of those referendum petitions against this entirely feasible water conservation project, is signing against it. He is signing against the future of his state and is taking bread out of the mouths of his fellows. He is taking those jobs away and snatching the cup of hope from the tens of thousands of Californians who will be ruined if the enemies of this plan succeed in wrecking it."

And the following are excerpts from their news story of Thursday night:

"CITY POWER FIGHT FORCES P. G. & E. OFFER."

City System Urged at Hearing

"Despite the veiled opposition and adroit moves of private power interests, advocates of a city-owned light and power distribution system today were united in a drive to speed city action on proposed Hetch Hetchy power system extensions.

"Legal, bookkeeping and technical objections to plans which would distribute city-owned power over city-owned distribution lines and force power and light rate reductions of 10 to 12 per cent were met by Manager of Utilities E. G. Cahill at a hearing before the public utilities committee of the Board of Supervisors.

"Mayor Rossi has called a special meeting of his advisory committee on public works for tomorrow, 10 a. m., and the Cahill report will be before them at that time.

"In attempting to force through a committee recommendation, Supervisor Frank Havenner, committee member, who is also a

member of the NIRA public works advisory board, declared:

"We have no obligation to wait for what an unofficial, private body will do. The time element is important. Counties all over the state are now engaged in a race to get their projects before the federal committee."

"Havenner declared that the inclusion by the Public Utilities Commission of the third plan in the Cahill report for building of the powerhouse and consignment of power to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, was 'gratuitous'.

"During the hearing the committee received a letter from the P. G. & E. offering to purchase the output on the same terms that power generated at Mokelumne Creek powerhouse is now sold."

Edward Vandeleur, writing in the Labor Clarion, has this to say:

"The 1932 electric rate proceedings of the City of S. F. were based on economic necessity, and if this petition of the City of S. F. had been granted it would have meant a saving to the ratepayers of San Francisco to the extent of \$900,000 annually. The (R. R.) commission denied the petition in November, 1932.

"Briefly the people's contention as presented to the Commission by City Attorney John J. O'Toole were that during the economic crisis which prevailed it was inequitable to maintain high rates of dividends prevalent during the boom years for the benefit of a small group of stockholders who, as a whole, were in a deplorable condition.

"State Statistics—Agricultural marketings showed a decrease in value in 1932 compared with 1929 of 41 per cent; employment decreased 43 per cent from 1929 to 1932; payrolls decreased 60 per cent, same period; average weekly earnings decreased 24 per cent; bank debts decreased 57 per cent and regional freight car loadings decreased 43 per cent from 1929 to 1932.

"From a financial standpoint uncontroverted evidence was introduced to the effect that the common stockholders of the P. G. & E. had earned 10.89 percent on the par value of their stock in 1931, and 10.43 per cent in 1930. This permitted the payment of an 8 PER CENT DIVIDEND ANNUALLY, and further, the accumulation of approximately \$10,000,000 in the surplus account during these two years. It was further contended that if the company was allowed to earn 6 per cent dividend it would be more than fair to the stockholders of the company, in view of the fact that industry, other trades crafts and all employments had had their income drastically reduced. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT IN 1932 THE COMMON STOCK OF THE P. G. & E. CO. EARNED OVER 8 PER CENT.

If the common stock had been cut to a 6 per cent return and this saving passed on to the consumers it would mean a saving in electric rates of \$2,350,000, or approximately a cut of 5 per cent in the ratepayer's monthly bill."

Our Roamin' Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Breese from New York City are visiting Mr. Breese's mother, on Solano Way. Vance Breese, vice president of an air express corporation in the East, expressed much surprise at the marvelous growth of Brisbane since their last visit.

Additional books have been received at the Branch Library. The authorities are keenly alive to the hearty response Brisbane has given to the library service, and endeavor to keep a constantly new supply of books revolving here.

Ed McCullough of North San Juan, Calif., is spending a few weeks at the home of his uncle, O. J. Williams, of Mariposa St.

Mr. Raine and family have rented one of Mrs. L. Converse's cottages pending the erection of their own home on lots recently purchased.

A proposed school site on San Bruno avenue was being looked over by the trustees of this school district this week. Let's all be the alert regarding this proposition.

Mrs. O. J. (Elsie) Williams is assisting at the Post Office during the absence of Mrs. Paul Munday.

After spending quite some time in San Francisco recuperating from a recent illness, Mrs. M. Burns is happy to be with her family again.

Mrs. B. Stillings at her home in Alvarado street, entertained at a

bridge luncheon on Wednesday afternoon, August 24th.

Mrs. Paul Munday and son David left Wednesday night at 7:45 for an extended trip through the middle western states, to visit relatives and friends, and incidentally stopping over at Yellowstone National Park.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Piper with a group of friends spent a very enjoyable week end at Salada Beach. The big feature of the day was deep sea fishing, especially enjoyed by all.

Mrs. J. Litch and daughter of Santa Cruz have rented the property of Mrs. E. Kuehlmann on Visitation street. Mrs. Zeno Davis, mother of Mrs. Litch, is quite elated over the event.

Miss Regina Veron of San Francisco, spent the week end as guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Loheit and Mrs. Frances Weller. Miss Veron is charmed by the natural beauty of Brisbane and the magnificent view from Brisbane's hills.

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MAIL BOX



TO A PUBLIC ENEMY

Amos... that his services as... not appreciated by those whom the banquet was served. When the door was served a bit of rat poison. The three men did a good job of it this year, but Amos had the most difficulty with the squirrels—they insisted on nibbling on him rather than the barley.

For some time we have been trying to get up to Mahaffey's to get their subscription to the Sun. But so far no one has come along with a gyroscope or a helicopter, so these good friends have been left undisturbed.

Richard Earhart of Solano says no use looking backward to the old days when knights were bold and ladies fair, 'cause they're not so very unfair, even now. We're surprised at a remark like that from him. For Dick has some pretty sensible ideas along other lines, notably the future progress and welfare of Brisbane. Hurry up with that house of yours, Dick, and spend all your evenings with us, and Brisbane will be glad to welcome you as a level-headed and forward-looking resident.

Dropped into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Morefield the other evening, and noted some charming furnishing ideas worked out by Mr. Morefield in his spare moments. But our eye fell on a choice lot of silver trophies he has won by his athletic prowess. So one needn't be surprised at any time to find Morefield in his cups.

We still maintain that "N-RA" Ford is "Nira"—tirement—that's right, read it again.

Wheeler asks: "Why does the Sun run four pages of comics every week?"

Down around the drug store the suggestion was made that hereafter the Sun be called the "Owl." We resent that. Sup-

posine thief is active in the city again—13 gallons of gasoline was stolen during four days from one car, as well as various amounts from other cars. The shortsighted thief is preparing himself a joy ride into Preston or San Quentin, and free board at the expense of the State, where he will enjoy the pleasure of compulsory labor, and decidedly restricted personal liberty. It is advisable that every car owner each night should wipe off his car with a damp cloth and apply a coating of wax, so in case gas is missing the car can be fingerprinted.

Brisbane has no police protection and the residents are anxious to keep taxes at the lowest possible figure. So evidently a constable's salary is not available at this time. The only way to alleviate this injustice and finally expose the unscrupulous thief is to give full publicity to the problem. If every victim of automobile tampering or petty thievery would send a report of the incident to the Brisbane Sun the whole population of Brisbane acting in unison will put a stop to the activities of the culprit.

(Signed)

UTILITY BOARD SPEAKS TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY:

In behalf of our community and our present population of Brisbane we, the Board of Directors of Brisbane Public Utility District, are striving step by step to construct merely a decent place to live in. We feel that it is our common civic duty to strive to make our little town a healthy place in which to live. Think at least of our hundreds of little children coming up to take our places. We should give them a chance and not jeopardize their little lives by allowing an unsanitary condition to continue.

pose the inference is, that there are some things we can't see even in the daytime.

Persiflage of 1900—"I've got a trade last for you!"

Motto of 1933—"Nira," everybody's sweetheart. And a subscriber asks who will be the first in Brisbane to name their baby daughter after her.

I fully appreciate the fact that our community has not as yet suffered an epidemic of malaria, fever or plague, due, I believe, to the wind which does its part in relieving us of that dreadful swamp infested with mosquitos, rats, garbage, sewerage and all the diseases that go with it, right at our community's front door, and adjoining Brisbane.

Now, Gentlemen, this Board of Utilities in the present and future will act as a Sanitary Board, striving to correct our present condition of this district.

We are NOT acting as a political organization to gain some great power. It's our community's welfare that we're acting for.

The law interprets that for our number of population in size of area, that we can govern ourselves along these lines. Now, we've already paid for this governing body. Voted it in by a majority, and believing it a necessity, why should a few political power grabbing citizens be allowed to create another duplicate cost of an election, in the disguise of keeping down taxes?

Why not let our non-salaried Directors be our community's agents to construct and attend to our voters' wishes, along these lines? There's a standing invitation to all voters and taxpayers to attend this Board's meeting on first Monday of each month.

We stand against undue taxes and assessments.

BRISBANE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD.

(Signed: Amos R. Kinney).

'ANNIS SAYS—'

Gas, Gas, and More Gas!

In response to the publicity given this matter in last week's Brisbane Sun, quite a number called at the Tract Office and signed for gas. Also, several more P. G. & E. men canvassed Brisbane to try and make it 100 per cent. However, there must be quite a number who were either not seen or are putting it off.

Let's make it unanimous, and let's all go to Tract Office and sign up for gas, now.

Leo Lucero of the Progressive Realty Co., an advertiser in the Sun, says there is an increasing demand for Brisbane property, and in line with this, he wishes to add to his list of prospective trade propositions, that Brisbane residents who have to go elsewhere may have exchanges available.

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